

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hirohito OKUDA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/809,464  
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING DEFECTS  
USING MULTIPLE CLASSIFICATION MODULES (as amended)  
Group: 2624  
Examiner: Edward PARK  
Confirmation No.: 7643

**AMENDMENT**

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November 30, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2009, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2;

**Remarks** are included beginning on page 6; and

**Authorization** is included on page 14.